



Order of Service for 3rd Sunday before Advent, 22nd November 2020 at 10am

We meet in the name of God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, fill us with your Spirit, that we may pray with faith, sing your praises with gratitude, and listen to your word with eagerness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
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Confession

Loving Father, we thank you for sending the Spirit of Jesus to be with us and in us. Yet we confess that we have often followed the passions and desires of our sinful nature. We acknowledge our frequent lack of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Forgive us our sins, enable us to bear fruit, and help us to keep in step with the Spirit. Amen.

Interview – **Beccy Davies**

Prayers – **Olivia Elwood**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

HOLY SPIRIT LIVING BREATH OF GOD

Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

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Reading - **Matthew 12: 22-37**

Sermon - **Tim Partridge**

WHO HAS HELD THE OCEANS IN HIS HANDS

Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

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